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New Bedford, Mass.
Sunday, ½ past 11. P. M.
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My Dear Friend,

I am under the hospitable roof of Mr. Robeson. I have just retired for the night and that I may have one chance the less for slipping I take up my pen though very weary to fulfil my duty to send you a line to say how we have prospered on our mission to this town.

Yesterday morning Stevenson Phillips called upon me to say he could not accompany me owing to the state of his wife's health. Garrison thought he might have been excused & decided to share my lecture & we started at ½ P.M. accompanied by Dr & Mrs Taft. Mr Robeson met us at the cars at ½ past 6 and brought me here. At 7½ we held our first meeting

Love to all

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in Liberty Hall and had a modestly full attendance. The Chairman, a Mr. French, gave me a suitable introduction, and to relieve Garrison I spoke most of the Evening, he having to say but a very few words when I sat down. There had been rumours of opposition and a disturbance but all went off most peaceably.

This morning at 1/2 past 10 we met again in the same place. I was first called upon, and Speaking till 12 o'clock the Meeting was adjourned till 1/2 past 2. Almost Every Seat was occupied at this Meeting.

In the afternoon the house was too small and we had to resort to many contrivances to find the ladies who came late, accommodation. Garrison spoke till about 1/2 past three, after which I talked for 3/4 of an hour and we then adjourned till half past Six.

Our last gathering was a bumper.

wherever a human being could be stowed away there was one. The sight was grand. "The people" of New Bedford were present. Garrison commenced and continued till about ½ past 4 when I rose & continued the discussion of the great theme till nine. The audience departed very slowly and apparently very reluctantly. They seemed to "want some more." The very best feeling has prevailed at all our meetings The addresses have been solemn searching and uncompromising but I think discreet and unexceptionable in their tone. No misconstructions were possible Garrison though unwell & in pain has spoken well. To night he was animated, fluent, inspiring and at times Eloquent. Besides our speeches there have been none save the introductory remarks of the Chairman and a short address to day from an aged beloved Minister of this City.

Garrison has been staying with

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a friend of his of the name of Coffin. I have been very comfortable here. A Mrs Rufell a very pleasing and lady-like person has done the honors with great benignity and grace & has been very kind in her attentions to me. There are also two young ladies and a gentleman I believe children of Mrs Rufell but I have been too busy to learn the pedigree of any body about me.

My dear Anne I quite forgot to repay the four dollars I borrowed from you on Saturday. I now Enclose you a five dollar bill and beg you to forgive my negligence.

We leave at 1/2 past 4 in the morning for Boston. We have every reason to be gratified with the result thus far of our visit. May our bon appetit after many days! For myself,